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## New Jersey Brownfields Redevelopment Task Force

### Policy & Legislative Committee

Minutes of Meeting Held Tuesday, March 25, 2003  
Department of Community Affairs  
101 South Broad Street  
Trenton, New Jersey  
Office of Smart Growth Library- 7<sup>th</sup> Floor

#### **Call to Order**

Leah Healey, Chairman, called the first meeting of the Policy and Legislative Committee of the New Jersey Brownfields Redevelopment Task Force to order at 10:11 a.m.

#### **Open Public Meetings Act**

At the request of Chairman Healey, Deputy Attorney General Phyllis Bross announced that notice of this meeting has been given in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

#### **Roll Call**

The roll was called and the attendance was noted for the record.

#### **Members Present:**

Leah Healey, Public Member  
Richard Gimello, Department of Transportation  
William Mullen, Public Member  
Dennis Toft, Public Member  
Evan Van Hook, Department of Environmental Protection

#### **Members Absent:**

Sally Dudley, ANJEC

#### **Others Present: (Attachment A)**

## **I. Welcoming Remarks**

Chairman Healey welcomed everyone to the meeting. Chairman Healey noted that because of scheduling conflicts the Policy & Legislative Committee agreed to hold their next meeting on May 27<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm rather than at 10:00 am.

## **II. Committee Business**

### **A. Action Plan**

Chairman Healey initiated a discussion on an action plan for the Committee. The following tasks were identified as elements of the Policy & Legislative Committee Action Plan.

- Monitor, review and make recommendations to the NJ Brownfields Redevelopment Task Force on pending or proposed Legislation
- Provide guidance on proposed agency policies and regulations
- Determine local government planning and infrastructure needs
- Seek input from various Stakeholders on policy and regulations
- Develop recommendations for NJ Brownfields Redevelopment Task Force.

### **B. Legislation**

Robert Marshall, Counsel to the Governor provided an overview of the following pending legislation.

- S696- Appropriate \$40 million from the Hazardous Discharge Fund of 1986 to the Hazardous Discharge Site Remediation Fund for cleanup of contaminated sites. Economic Development Authority advised to lower the amount to \$5 million or less. (On Governor's Desk)
- S3284 – Addition of representation to the NJ Brownfields Redevelopment Task Force to include the Department of Agriculture, the Economic Development Authority in, but not of, the Department of the Treasury. (On Governor's Desk)
- S1948 –As amended, would revise the criteria for the awarding of grants and loans for the upgrade, closure and remediation of underground storage tanks. The bill would extend the application deadlines for financial assistance for closure and remediation for regulated tanks to June 30, 2004. Further, the substitute bill would extend the application deadline for financial assistance for the upgrade of those tanks regulated under State law only, that have received an extension of the deadline for compliance with the standards. Robert Marshall noted the need for a Constitutional referendum to expand the CBT dedication for UST remediation to include

use for hazardous discharge remediation. (Needs public hearing, resolutions, both houses approval, vote on November's ballot)

- (S2459) – Revisions to laws concerning financial assistance for contaminated site remediation (Proposed for introduction)

Committee reviewed various brownfields definitions from various entities to see if there is a need to reword the language within the definition.

- Brownfields and Contaminated Site Remediation Act
- New Federal Brownfields Law
- Earlier US EPA 2002
- NJ Brownfields Redevelopment Interagency Team (BRIT) preferred definition

### **III. Recommendations to the NJ Brownfields Redevelopment Task Force**

The Policy and Legislation Committee members agreed to support the legislation discussed as it relates to brownfields redevelopment. (*Attachment B Recommendations to the Brownfields Redevelopment Task Force*)

### **IV. Committee Comments**

Committee members offered no additional comments at this time.

### **V. Public Comments**

No public comments were offered at this time.

### **VI. Adjournment**

With no other business identified, the meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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